

## **Weeders Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

Meeting virtually again, President Patty Greenhalgh welcomed us to the December gathering.

### **Announcements:**

Treasurer's Report: There is none this month as Michele Bolton can't be here.

Community Affairs: It was reported that Gazebo Garden and Hilltop House gardens have been put to bed for the season. Strafford Station is also bedded down, but the ladies will meet once more to decorate with holiday greens. The Jeanes Library garden group are still working minus Sonya Driscoll, who has tested positive for COVID. She is doing well.

Horticulture: Alice Doering will hold the hardwood propagation workshop virtually on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Patty G. confessed she mistakenly threw out the bulbs for the challenge plant, but – good news – she can get more from Alice!

Membership: Marilyn Sprague reported we have one potential new Weeder in the pipeline and several others waiting for in-person meetings to resume.

PCGCA: There was a brief discussion about the Fertilizer Fund and a question about the deadline for contributions, with Marilyn reporting donations must be in by the end of January. As all garden clubs are meeting virtually this year, the option was made available to donate online. This has led to a lower response, with fewer contributions to this important fundraiser. For the 2021-2022 year we are considering a return to sending out our Fertilizer Fund request with the annual dues notice, as some considered the extra cost of paying by credit card to be asking too much.

Program: Nancy Holmes said that even though the committee has had to scramble to keep up with program changes, she's enjoying being program chair during this year of pandemic, thanking meeting chairs and volunteers for their help. She informed us that the January through March programs will be virtual and we'll reschedule some events. She said GCA has programs available to us if needed as we continue to hold online meetings, and advised us to stay tuned for news about our April through June meetings.

### **Other:**

Heather Gallagher alerted us to the recent publication of the book she was holding up, 'Hungry for Home', written by Ruth McKeane. It's on sale for \$45 and, for anyone who wishes it, can be inscribed by the author. Ms. McKeane opened her barn to us for a meeting several years ago and lives in Okie's own home, which has now been completely rehabbed.

Patty announced that Taddy Dawson, already well known to us for her beautiful photographs, has recently won two more awards for her work: a First Place and a Best in Show in the GCA Zone V Photography Show. Congratulations, Taddy!

**The Auction:**

The Christmas Sale, of course, will not take place this year as we cannot meet in person, but we were still able to hold our auction. President Patty picked up the auctioneers' gavel with the following results:

Item 1: Luncheon for five and a tour-by-owner of Ellyn Spragins' beautiful garden, won by Laura Carpenter for \$325.

Item 2: Professional landscape design consultation with Julie DeVuono, who will spend two hours offering ideas and suggestions for your garden, won by Marilyn Sprague for \$150.

Item 3: Once again, the popular dinner for eight at Heather Gallagher's barn, this year won by Karen Shepard for \$850.

Patty adjourned the meeting at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Undercofler, Recording Secretary

**Speaker:**

Heather Gallagher introduced Annette Toebe, one of our newest members, who, in turn, introduced us to the concept of 'hygge' as practiced in Denmark, her native country. After first having us learn to pronounce it, she went on to explain it as a somewhat illusory concept not easy to define, but having to do with feelings of comfort, a special sense of warmth and of bringing light, or a lightness of being, to the darkness of winter in far northern latitudes. She said it applies year-round, though, and is built into the culture of Denmark, asking us to slow down and appreciate nature. She explained how it involves our five senses and, at Christmas time, 'hygge' is especially evident in the holiday food, the homemade ornaments we decorate our homes with or give as gifts, and all the homey touches we add to the season. And so much more. Lovely!

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## BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: BUDGET 2020-2021 - FY21 P&L

July 2020 - June 2021

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
Badge		20.00	-20.00	
Christmas Sale		1,250.00	-1,250.00	
Christmas Wreath Workshop		400.00	-400.00	
Crazy for Containers		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
Membership Dues	16,660.00	16,600.00	60.00	100.36 %
Other donations	100.00		100.00	
Vanguard Interest		500.00	-500.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$16,760.00</b>	<b>\$22,770.00</b>	<b>\$ -6,010.00</b>	<b>73.61 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$16,760.00</b>	<b>\$22,770.00</b>	<b>\$ -6,010.00</b>	<b>73.61 %</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Administrative	153.70	375.00	-221.30	40.99 %
Treasurer		50.00	-50.00	
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>153.70</b>	<b>425.00</b>	<b>-271.30</b>	<b>36.16 %</b>
Awards	63.75	100.00	-36.25	63.75 %
<b>Civic Programs</b>				
Ronald McDonald House	53.91	200.00	-146.09	26.96 %
Strafford Station	66.71	200.00	-133.29	33.36 %
Restricted Income - Strafford Station	185.00	-176.00	361.00	-105.11 %
<b>Total Strafford Station</b>	<b>251.71</b>	<b>24.00</b>	<b>227.71</b>	<b>1,048.79 %</b>
<b>Total Civic Programs</b>	<b>305.62</b>	<b>224.00</b>	<b>81.62</b>	<b>136.44 %</b>
<b>Conferences</b>				
GCA Annual Meeting		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
GCA NAL		900.00	-900.00	
GCA Zone Meeting		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Shirley Meniece		700.00	-700.00	
<b>Total Conferences</b>		<b>4,600.00</b>	<b>-4,600.00</b>	
<b>Conservation</b>				
Awbury Arboretum		250.00	-250.00	
Delaware Riverkeeper		500.00	-500.00	
FOW		500.00	-500.00	
Jenkins		250.00	-250.00	
Other		250.00	-250.00	
PHS/City Harvest		250.00	-250.00	
SCA		500.00	-500.00	
Stroud Water		250.00	-250.00	
WVWA		250.00	-250.00	
<b>Total Conservation</b>		<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>-3,000.00</b>	
Data Base Start-up		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Floral Design		250.00	-250.00	
Garden HX and Design		250.00	-250.00	

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GCA Dues	5,022.00	5,084.00	-62.00	98.78 %
Gifts for Judges		100.00	-100.00	
Horticulture		80.00	-80.00	
Legal & Professional Services		500.00	-500.00	
Nominating Committee		100.00	-100.00	
PCGCA Dues	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.00 %
Photography		150.00	-150.00	
Programs	300.00	3,000.00	-2,700.00	10.00 %
Scholarship		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Restricted Scholarship Donations		-500.00	500.00	
<b>Total Scholarship</b>		<b>500.00</b>	<b>-500.00</b>	
Web		389.00	-389.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,145.07</b>	<b>\$20,052.00</b>	<b>\$ -13,906.93</b>	<b>30.65 %</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,614.93</b>	<b>\$2,718.00</b>	<b>\$7,896.93</b>	<b>390.54 %</b>
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